



## Bill Clark

March 2, 1946 - December 12, 2015

Bill Clark was one of a kind – a husband, a father, a friend, a lawyer, a captain, a pilot, a rancher, a politician, a man’s man, a ladies’ man, and a world traveler. In his own words, he “did more things once than he ever dreamed possible”. William Thomas Clark was born in Tyler, Texas on Texas Independence Day (March 2nd) in 1946 to A.D. Clark, Jr. and Virginia Skeen Clark. He passed away at his beloved home on Saturday December 12th, 2015 at the age of 69.

Mr. Clark was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, the University of Texas and Baylor Law School. He represented Tyler in the Texas House of Representatives from 1975-1982 and practiced law in Tyler throughout his life. After graduating from Baylor Law and before taking a seat at the Texas House of Representatives, he spent months backpacking through South America and Europe. Throughout his life, he was always looking to satisfy his wanderlust. Whether it was boating and sport fishing all the way from Nova Scotia to Venezuela through Panama then Mexico to Alaska, or hunting wild game on an African safari, or flying his airplane through the clouds, he was always ready for a new adventure and he always had his sights set on something just beyond the horizon. At his side was the person he cherished above anything else, his wife of 28+ years, Andi Clark. Bill and Andi traveled the world together. Man vs. nature was Bill’s mantra and he had great respect for the outdoors. His latest passion was raising exotic animals and farming on their ranch in West Texas. Although his life was tragically cut short, some would

say he lived passionately enough for three lifetimes. He is missed greatly and will be remembered for his spirit and zest for life.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 28 years, Andi Clark of Whitehouse, son Matthew Thomas Clark of New Orleans; and daughter Meredith Virginia Clark of Houston; sisters, Nancy Miller Clark of Tyler, Jenny Clark and her husband Greg Ortiz of Tyler; brother, A.D. Clark III and wife Judge Carole Clark of Tyler. Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Skeen Clark, his father, A.D. Clark Jr. and his step-mother, Bernice McDaniel "Bee" Clark.

Memorial services for Bill Clark will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 2:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler with Danny Davis officiating. At the family's request, the dress code will be jeans and boots to honor Bill's style. Preceding the memorial will be a private graveside service for family and close friends at Rose Hill Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Clark, AD Clark III, Kelly Richey, Peter Langsjoen, Danny Davis, Todd Cruthird, Clif Westbrook, Greg Ortiz, Lee Fisher, Robert Gee, Coye Conner, Chris Ewert, John Stephenson, Matt Stephenson, Chuck Stephenson, Neil Kennemer, Jack Skeen, and David Hudson.

If desired, memorials may be made to Smith County SPCA, P. O. Box 132899, Tyler, Texas 75713 or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

DEC 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Andi & family, So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Williamson Family*

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**Sherri Schrat** - January 28, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BS

“ I remember like yesterday over 40 years ago when Bill pulled up in front of our old farmhouse on the Van Highway in his old green Volkswagen to ask about putting up a sign for his campaign for state representative. It changed the life of myself and Andi, my sister, forever. Through our close friendship and my “hero worship” of this man for the decades that have followed he ALWAYS inspired me to achieve beyond anything I could have ever imagined when I had such a small perspective on the future. When you are dirt poor country kids like Andi and me, what future do you really have? Then God dropped Bill Clark into our lives. I worked for Bill in the Legislature, traveled far and wide together, and he always pushed me to get “out of the village and see the world” so I would appreciate where I had come from. He introduced me to everyone he came into contact with in our travels as an equal and not a peon or subordinate in any way. The Clark family always welcomed us as their own, and for that I will always be grateful. From helping me get into Yale to supporting me in making the Olympic team to World Championships to so many events in my life – there was Bill with the same smile, simple down to earth stability and “right through the heart” counsel that helped me make THE RIGHT serious life decisions and choices. Bill secretly helped so many people so many times without them ever knowing it – because he said that was the obligation of those who had been blessed with good fortune and gifts to pass on those gifts and use power and influence for good. I know because I spent years arranging and handling these matters for and with him. This is the real class and story of this great man. Watching his two children Matt and Meredith grow up and talking with him constantly about them in the early years he had the same hopes and fears all parents do about what their futures would be like – I challenge the two of you to be the great people he believed you can and will be. What a legacy! And then, through the turns in life’s journeys, he and Andi marry and start 28 great years together. I no longer had to be the overbearing protective brother. The two of them have enjoyed a love and “soul mate” relationship that most could never envision. Amazing travels and adventures all over the world and still the same two simple souls without pretension or

*putting on any airs. It was an honor and privilege to call Bill Clark my "family" and my friend. Joanne and I couldn't be there today in person but we know that so many who knew him are there to support Andi in her grief and the true test of honoring a great man like Bill's memory is not in a day – but for the rest of our lives.*  
*Brad Simmons*

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**Brad Simmons** - December 19, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bill Clark.*



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December 18, 2015 at 04:16 PM



“ *Bill and I were good friends in the 70's but we lost touch when I moved form Tyler to Dallas. He visited me in Dallas a couple of times in 1976 but that was the last time we spent personal time together. I know he never changed. Laughing, joking, visiting with everyone...being the social chairman. I am sorry for his family that they are having to endure this premature event. I knew him personally and professionally, as he was also my attorney in the early years. What a great guy.*  
*I remember picking him up at this apartment one morning at about 6:00AM as we were headed to Dallas. There he was, in his robe, listening to symphony music playing on his record player while he was dressing. At the time I joked that he was "really weird", but it is indicative of how well rounded his life was. He appreciated it all. "A toast to you, Bill Clark, what a good guy! Thanks Buddy".*

*-Bobby Delk (REL 1968)*

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**Bobby Delk** - December 18, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Bill Clark.*



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December 18, 2015 at 09:30 AM

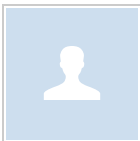


“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bill Clark.*



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December 17, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Clark.*



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December 17, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Billy, what a great guy, always looking to help others and living life to the fullest, what a great Husband you were to my Sis, Andi we will miss that guy, but know your family is always there, we love you!  
Chuck, Tammy, Michelle & Bryan*

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**chuck stephenson** - December 17, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DM

“ *Earth has one gentle soul less...  
Bill was my friend and I will miss him.  
My thoughts and prayers are always with you Andi.*

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**Don Marquis** - December 17, 2015 at 05:37 AM

AK

“ *All of your friends at KoonsFuller purchased the  
Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bill  
Clark.*



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**All of your friends at KoonsFuller** - December 16, 2015 at  
06:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the  
family of Bill Clark.*



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December 16, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Bill Clark.*



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December 16, 2015 at 12:17 PM

ML

“ *Martha Kennedy Lindblom lit a candle in memory of Bill Clark*



**Martha Kennedy Lindblom** - December 15, 2015 at 12:21 PM

ML

*My prayers are with Bill's family. I know it is hard to loose a love one during the holidays. Bill and I were classmates at REL class of 1964. Bill will be missed by all. My prayers to all.*

**Martha Kennedy Lindblom** - December 15, 2015 at 12:23 PM

SN

*Bill Clark...a life long friend and classmate from REL...so many memories of him, his huge grin, his pleasant nature and way of reaching people, and just being Bill.... You will be missed Bill...so glad you were in my life circle...God Bless you .....Prayers for his family and friends...*

**Susan Spence Norvell** - December 15, 2015 at 05:57 PM

LR

*Bill Clark was truly a wonderful person who was very generous with his love and affection for my children and grandchildren. My family will forever treasure our wonderful memories of our Turks & Caicos adventure with him & Andi. On December 19 we will celebrate his life and not mourn his death. Bill was the luckiest man I know who chose a wife who allowed him to be Bill and live his life to the fullest. We will all miss him! 😞💔 Linda Roberts and Family: Daughter: Lori & Matt Stephenson, & their children Mitchell, Matti, Cade. Son: Corey Roberts and daughter Ashton.*

**Linda Roberts** - December 15, 2015 at 09:55 PM



*prayers for the family.....Bill was a classmate at REL, he will be missed.....*

**Mike Sylvester** - December 16, 2015 at 07:43 AM

AH

*We are so sorry for your loss - Bill lived large and made the most of every day. I know he will be sorely missed by his family. Our prayers go out to you all..*

*Anne & Mark Hembree*

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**anne hembree** - December 17, 2015 at 11:50 AM

RB

*Bill helped me in the campaign for Judge of County Court at Law #2 in 1984. When the results were unsuccessful, he encouraged me to carry on and not give up as I wanted to do.. I saw him only seldom after that but I told him what a blessing that advise had been to my life. I still thank him!*

*Judge Ruth Blake, Retired*

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**Ruth J. Blake** - December 18, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Clark.*



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December 15, 2015 at 12:12 PM

JS

“ I don't know anyone else who totally lived life to the fullest, and made every day count.  
His zest for life was contagious for those he touched, and accepted no less.  
Brad and I have many fond memories with He and Andy that will hold in our hearts forever.  
May you find peace in the here after.  
You will be missed by many.

Love

Joanne Simmons

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**joanne Simmons** - December 15, 2015 at 12:31 AM

DH

God Bless Bill Clark & Family....We were REL baseball teammates in ...1963....I was dating Nanci Ivy...Bill told Nanci,,,she should drop David and date me....because David only has one lung.....now that's a ladies man....I will see on First Base ....in our next game....God Bless.....David L Hannah...REL Rebels....

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**David L Hannah** - December 17, 2015 at 06:05 AM

KC

Wonderful man, a force of nature in his own right. We had many great conversations and his appreciation and hunger for knowledge and life experiences I know none like him. Our hearts are broken for Andi and the family's loss and we will continue to lift you up in our prayers! God bless you!

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**Kevin Carswell** - December 18, 2015 at 03:12 PM